

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prélude	Théodore Dubois
Méditation	T. Dubois
Prière from <i>Suite Gothique</i>	Léon Boëllmann
Acclamation in G Minor	Karen Thompson

Introit

“Sanna, Sannanina”	South African song arr. Greg Scheer
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*Holy, most holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your holy light.
O blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Doxology (<i>sung</i>)	The Hymnal, 606
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Arise, shine, for your light has come!*

People: **And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed to us.**

Leader: *The light that enlightens human beings
has brought radiance and hope.*

People: **Nations shall come to this light, and rulers to the brightness.**

Leader: *Lift up your eyes and look around.*

People: **The Light of the world is among us!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 755	“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”
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**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Great and glorious God,
 our hearts brim with the glory of your light,
 revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.
 We lift our eyes and look around
 only to see the dimness of our world,
 the broken hearts and broken lives that reside close to us.
 We harbor hurt and inflict this hurt on others.
 We find ourselves on the far shore of all that you,
 O Holy Christ, came into this world to hold near.

Open our eyes to your precious promise of new life.
 Give us ready hands and uplifted hearts to receive
 your grand promise of forgiveness, of new life, of transforming grace.
 For you bring us face-to-face with your unquenchable love,
 made known in Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
 People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung*)

“A Grateful Heart” (Psalm 111). The Hymnal, 652

Anthem

“Just as I Am” Bob Chilcott

Just as I am without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, wilt thou receive, welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve, because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Old Testament, page 168
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson

Mark 1:21–28 New Testament, page 33
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Unhinged” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 686. “God of Our Life”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Alleluia, Amen” Carl Wiltse

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Proclaim the Lord” Dan Locklair

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord, our God; he is the holy one.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

With all that we have and all that we are,
 we give you thanks and praise, Most Holy God.
 Make us instruments of your love for all your children,
 and may the bounty of these gifts extend your light
 into the dim places of this world, which you love so very much;
 through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Grand Chorus T. Dubois

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God’s activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God’s majesty and glory, we **gather together in praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles’ Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus’ instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord’s Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God’s mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God’s work all around us.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Alex Wirth, Laura Sterkel, Jeff Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

11:00 Alex Wirth, Allison Youngblood, Jeff Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; the Handbell Choir; the Drum Circle

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

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John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Fourth Church Youth on behalf of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

THE BULLETIN COVER depicts a past Easter vigil in the Sanctuary. The cover quote is from Andrew Delbanco's book *The Real American Dream: A Meditation on Hope*.

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